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(And some you don't need, but will be glad you have anyway.)

## End of an era: Jackson's Variety building sold



L-R on roof: Clyde Andrews and Ian Comerford lower the iconic Jackson's Variety store sign to (L-R) Peter Collins and Mark Andrews on Saturday, 2/6/21, one year after fire destroyed the business and severely damaged the building on 2/3/20. See page 12 for story. Photo by Beth David.



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# From The Editor

WEST ISLAND —  
A day late and many dollars short.



Beth David, Publisher

Well, it truly is the end of an era. Jackson's Variety, which operated for 50 years, and was Buster's before that, is gone from the Fairhaven landscape. The building had a devastating fire last year, and the building requires extensive rehabilitation to be usable again. The family decided that they were all close enough to retirement that they didn't want to take on the task. They sold the building and took down the iconic sign (see page 12).

They said the new owner will keep the building and rehab it, not knock it down. That's good. It's a bit of a different-looking building. It has character. I hope they are able to save it.

I don't remember Jackson's, exactly, as a kid. But I do remember penny candy stores and the people who worked in them. They had a lot of patience for little kids trying to maximize the use of their change.

Good luck to the new owners. We look forward to seeing some activity back in that building, even though we're pretty sure it won't be a penny candy place.

We have some meeting coverage for you this week. Selectboard is on page 4 (can you say "loooooong?"). Zoning Board of Appeals is on page 18. Both meetings held discussions on the changes to the design of the Oxford School project. It seemed like a sudden change in the final weeks before they are breaking ground, but, apparently, the ZBA voted on it a couple of years ago.

The Selectboard is supposed to hold a special meeting to discuss the new Rogers School proposal (see last week's issue). They didn't set an exact date, but they indicated they wanted it early next week, so we might not be able to list it for you. So, if you want to hear that, you'll have to call 'em up or visit the town's calendar on the website to join in. In any case, we'll be covering it (hopefully). We do miss meetings, I'm sorry to say. We can only do so much with our limited resources.

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## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In our story last week on the proposed development for the Rogers School, we misattributed a quote to Doug Brady. The quote, "Through negotiations, I think this project will do very well in the future," was made by an unidentified person. We apologize for any confusion our error may have caused.

# COVID-19 update: Restrictions easing

By Beth David  
Editor

Massachusetts governor Charlie Baker has eased up on some restrictions for businesses this week, citing a downward trend in new cases of COVID-19. Businesses that were limited to 25% capacity, are now able to operate at 40% capacity, including restaurants and close contact personal services. Businesses that can now operate at 40% include arcades and recreational businesses, driving and flight schools, gyms/health clubs, libraries, museums, retail stores, offices, places of worship, movie theaters (50 person maximum per theater). The new rules became effective on of 2/8/21.

Visit <https://www.mass.gov/> for details on specific businesses and limits.

## Call Center for Vaccine Appointments for 75+

The state also launched a vaccine scheduling resource line to help residents 75 and older schedule an appointment. Previously, the only way to schedule an appointment was online, which was difficult for older residents, who often do not have access to the internet or are not proficient enough to navigate the system.

The line can be accessed by dialing 211 and selecting the prompt for "help scheduling a vaccine appointment." The line is open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The center is staffed with more than 500 representatives who can provide life phone support to assist

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The *Neighb News* will give all candidates for townwide public office in Fairhaven and Acushnet a chance to get their message out. You may submit an article of approximately 500 words, with a picture, and we will publish at no charge before the election.

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# Selectboard gets 3 TA finalists; Oxford roof change is done deal

By Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

Fairhaven received the names of its three finalists for the town administrator position during the Fairhaven Selectboard meeting on 2/8, and board members tentatively scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, 2/16, to hold final interviews in open session.

The Town's hiring consultant, Community Paradigm Associates President Bernie Lynch, announced the three finalists: Jennifer Callahan, Thomas Hutka, and Ari Sky.

Ms. Callahan has been the town administrator for the Town of Oxford since mid-2018 after serving as TA in Millville the two years prior. She has a Doctorate, a Masters in Public Health, and has held a variety of elected and appointed positions

Mr. Hutka is an engineer with a Masters of Public Administration. He served as the director of Public Works for Broward County, Florida, and has held a variety of municipal positions around the country.

Ari Sky has been the chief financial officer for the City of New Bedford since 2013 and holds a Masters in Public Education. He has held a variety of positions in municipal government, and has served on a number of municipal committees and associations.

The TA Screening Committee received 39 applications.

"I think you have three outstanding candidates," said Mr. Lynch. "[The committee] put them through the wringer, if you will, with their questions. The Town of Fairhaven would be well served by any of these people."

The three finalists will be interviewed via Zoom, and the board may have Fairhaven Government Access delay the broadcast of the interviews to prevent candidates from having access to other candidates' interviews. Mr. Lynch suggested invoking the "honor system" by requesting they refrain from joining the Zoom meeting outside their scheduled interview time.

"I think it's just fair for everyone that way," said Mr. Lynch.

Each candidate will be given an hour for their interview.

Also during the meeting, Town Counsel Thomas Crotty informed the board that Stratford Group's changes to the roofline and reduction in the number of units for the proposed

Oxford School housing development project had already been vetted by the Zoning Board of Appeals and approved.

Selectboard Chairperson Daniel Freitas asked whether the board had any right to say or do something, and Mr. Crotty eventually replied, "Whether you like it or not, this is the design."

According to Mr. Crotty, it was the Massachusetts Historical Commission's (MHC) decision to lower the roof height and restrict it to a flat roof so the new construction would not impede the view of the old school building.

"They wanted it to be like the old 1950s addition," said Mr. Crotty, "So, we're kind of stuck with that."

He said when the ZBA approved the changes back in 2018, it decided the changes were not substantial in nature, and the developer's letter and associated materials that referenced the roofline change was attached to the ZBA's decision.

Mr. Crotty said the process was

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[Town Counsel Tom Crotty]

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likely affected by "a little bit of miscommunication" during personnel changes in the Building Department and perhaps "lost track of what was going on with the design. But, in fact, these have already been approved. There's actually nowhere we can go with this.... Short of going to court and fighting that, you're really not going to go anywhere."

Selectboard member Keith Silvia argued that any discussion of the roofline never came up when the ZBA approved the changes. He then pointed out that Selectboard member Bob Espindola was the chairperson of the board back then and referenced several email communications about the proposed changes that Mr. Espindola had been sent.

Mr. Espindola recalled giving the "preliminary go-ahead so [Stratford] could keep spending money," and said there was a team effort throughout negotiations that included former Town Administrator Mark Rees,

former Building Commissioner Wayne Fostin, and Mr. Crotty.

"But in no case," said Mr. Espindola, "can any one selectman make a decision."

"But you knew about it," Mr. Silvia contended.

"[Mr. Rees] took the ball," he said, and then the matter came before the Selectboard — while Mr. Freitas was also a member, Mr. Silvia pointed out. He added that an unidentified ZBA member told him that the ZBA did not review any design changes to the roof when they were approved.

Resident Ann Richard did not accept the explanation and concurred that her review of ZBA documentation revealed no discussion of the roof design.

"And they did not hear this. If they saw it on a plan, nobody questioned it," she said.

She wondered if ZBA members are "appointed for life" and continued, "How do you get on the ZBA and not get off the ZBA and not read what you're voting on?"

She suggested the town withhold the \$200,000 in Community Preservation Act funds that Town Meeting approved based on the prior design. She also suggested that Mr. Freitas did not respond to her email asking about the design change; he said he never received the email.

Community Preservation Committee Chairperson Jeff Lucas said his biggest concern was that "this whole thing was done under 'other business' in a public meeting for the ZBA.... That should have been posted as an item on the ZBA agenda."

He called it "underhanded to sneak it through under other business" and added, "I don't know what to make of it. I can't believe that the [MHC] is preferring a flat roof to a peaked roof."

Mr. Crotty said that the ZBA's written decision could have been "more comprehensive" with each change voted on individually.

"But the bottom line is the vote referenced the letter and incorporates the letter," said Mr. Crotty. "Could it be better worded? Yes, but does it cover the bases and incorporate the changes? It's basically a done deal; the [ZBA] has approved these changes."

Mr. Freitas pointed out that when the project was first proposed, some

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# AROUND TOWN HAPPENINGS

## Youth Baseball Reg.

Fairhaven Acushnet Youth Baseball registration is open. Players signing up for the Majors please keep in mind we are moving to a 50/70 format. This means in summary the mound will be 50 ft and bases 70 ft along with a few additional rule changes.

Also if you are interested in coaching please make note of this in the comments section of the registration process.

Please visit <https://www.fayb.org>

## Snow Park Ban

No vehicles shall be permitted to remain on the hydrant side of all streets in Fairhaven from December 1st to March 31st from midnight to 8:00 a.m. and also at the time of any snowfall or snow removal operations. On streets with no hydrants, NO vehicles shall be permitted to remain either on the east\* side of streets running north and south or on the north side of streets running east and west. Violators will be towed and/or ticketed.

## Fairhaven Scholarship

A \$1000 scholarship recognizing a graduating Fairhaven-resident high school senior planning to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited institution of higher learning will be awarded by the Fairhaven Historical Society. The scholarship honors Enrique Goytizolo's dedication to preserving the history of the Town of Fairhaven and his vital and long-time leadership role with the Fairhaven Historical Society, a 501C3 organization.

The Enrique Goytizolo Scholarship is open to any graduating high school senior whose primary residence is in Fairhaven, Massachusetts and plans to matriculate to an accredited institution of higher learning in the fall of 2021. Deadline for scholarship applications is April 1, 2021.

To obtain an application form students can contact the Fairhaven Historical Society at [historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com). In addition to the application, students must submit an essay of no more than 400 words focusing on Fairhaven, what the town means to the applicant, and

how that has impacted the applicant's interest in future studies. Three references as specified on the application are also required.

Applications and essays must be submitted via email to [historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com). The scholarship award recipient will be notified via email on or before May 1, 2021.

Recognition of receipt of the scholarship will be made at graduation and at the Annual Fairhaven Historical Society Annual Meeting.

A minimum of three hours of volunteer time at the Fairhaven Historical Society Museum or Fairhaven Historical Society events/activities within one year of scholarship award notification is required of each annual scholarship recipient.

For more information or a scholarship application contact [historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com](mailto:historicalsocietyfairhaven@gmail.com).

## Scholarships Available

The SouthCoast Community Foundation, one of the largest aggregators of scholarships in the Southeastern Massachusetts region, opened its 2021 application process and will be **accepting applications until March 1st**. Approximately 60 scholarship funds will collectively award more than \$500K to eligible high school seniors and current college students. This disbursement represents more than a 35% increase over the past two years and includes four inaugural, endowed funds:

- George E. Keeler Scholarship Fund – Honors the founder of Tech-Etch, Inc. and is for Plymouth and Bristol County seniors to pursue an undergraduate engineering degree and career in manufacturing.
- John A. Conway MD Scholarship Fund – STEM-focused for Wareham and Old Rochester High School seniors.
- Leo R. and Muriel A. Lanouette Fund – Electrical engineering, computer science, or nursing focused for existing UMass Dartmouth students.
- Van Sloun Foundation Scholarship Fund – Single year scholarship for Westport or Dartmouth High School seniors.

The SouthCoast Community Founda-

tion will manage the application process and ultimately facilitate the award announcements and distribution later this spring. Among the resources it will provide applicants is the uAspire Financial Aid Help Desk. It assists students and their families in navigating the financial aid process, such as completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, locating affordable college options, and paying tuition, room, and board.

The Foundation is a public, grant-making nonprofit serving those residing throughout Southeastern Massachusetts who share a common goal of improving the quality of life through philanthropy. Since 1995, the Community Foundation has distributed over \$39 million from more than 200 funds to humanitarian, educational, and cultural organizations in the region. To learn more about the Community Foundation, visit [www.southcoastcf.org](http://www.southcoastcf.org).

## Black Sea Bass Regulations

The Division of Marine Fisheries is seeking public input on two options to modify the dates of the 2021 recreational black sea bass season in Massachusetts. These alternatives are being proposed in order to open the fishery on a Saturday. The potential opening dates have different consequences for the closing date and overall season length.

**Public input on these two options will be accepted through Friday, February 12.** Written comment may be submitted to Director Dan McKiernan by e-mail to [marine.fish@mass.gov](mailto:marine.fish@mass.gov) or by post sent to 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114. The Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission is expected to make its recommendation to the Director on February 18 for which option (including status quo) to adopt via Emergency Regulation, such that the season can be set as soon as possible. An official public comment period and final rulemaking will occur later in the year.

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# Acushnet schools make good use of recess



The Acushnet Public Schools Kindergarten students made good use of their recess during last week's storm. "Thank you to Mrs. Silva for sharing these adorable pictures with us!" wrote the Acushnet Public Schools on its Facebook Page on February 4. "Kindergarten Room 1 used their recess time last week collaborating on building a snowman in front of the school for all to see, hoping to bring a smile or laugh to everyone who enters the school. Even our remote student joined in the fun and built one at home to share with us." TOP AND LEFT: Students in Kindergarten Room 1 at Acushnet Public Schools, including a remote student, make snow figures during recess in February. Photos from Acushnet Public Schools Facebook Page.



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**Distribution will be on Saturdays: Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, from 10 a.m.–Noon**, at New Life Church (behind the church), 1331 Cove Rd. his program will be held once a week for the foreseeable future.

COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed. Participants have limited interaction as they pick up their food boxes, which are easy to access.

Families must register to receive a Food Box by visiting <https://mmsfi.org/farmers-to-families/> (and scroll down to find New Bedford). For information regarding the food distribution, please contact Sargent Samuel Ortega of the New Bedford Police Department at [Samuel.ortega@newbedfordpd.com](mailto:Samuel.ortega@newbedfordpd.com) or 774-510-0649.

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## Chamber Music

“From Russia With Love,” **Release Date: February 13, 4 p.m.** What better way to celebrate winter than a troika of Russian beauties? Shostakovich hits a playfully tart bull’s-eye with his first String Quartet (1938), composed after the huge success of his Fifth Symphony reinstated the composer in official favor. Rachmaninoff’s beloved Vocalise, arranged for viola and piano, weaves its melancholy magic, after which the C Minor Piano Trio by Rimsky-Korsakov brings our Russian ride to a fittingly colorful end.

**Tickets: \$20 per household.**

For tickets, visit <https://nbsymphony.org/chamber-series-2020-2021/>

## Virtual Concert

“Soloists for Scholarships” is a virtual concert offered by the Tri-County Symphonic Band and will be

live streamed at **3:00 PM on Sunday, February 14, 2021**. The purpose of the concert is to shine the spotlight on four local organizations that offer scholarships to music students: The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra, The Southeast District Massachusetts Music Educators Association, The Tri-County Music Association and The Clement L. Yaeger Scholarship Fund. This concert will feature three soloists from past Tri-County concerts, all of whom have benefited from music scholarships in high school and college: Joe Foley, trumpet; Angel Subero, bass trombone and Marcus Monteiro, alto saxophone.

Visit the Tri County Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TriCountySymphonicBand> or the Old Rochester Community TV Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ORCTV>

## LGBTQ Film Series

The New Bedford LGBTQ Winter Film Series returns in 2021 in a new virtual format, with a slate of popular movies chosen to inspire conversation about relationships and other topics relevant to the LGBTQ community. The event is made possible by funding and support from Mass Humanities.

This year, fans are asked to watch the films prior to joining a Zoom conversation moderated by members of the Film Series. The movies are available either through online streaming platforms or on DVD, with DVDs available to check out from the New Bedford Free Public Library with a SAILS library card (call in advance to reserve).

Next up on **Sun., 2/14, at 3 p.m. is “Love, Simon.”** Based on the novel by Becky Albertalli, “Love, Simon” (2018) centers around the life of Simon Spier and his big secret: He’s gay. When a high school classmate threatens to expose him, Simon must come to terms with his identity.

For more information about The New Bedford LGBTQ Winter Film Series and to access the Zoom links, follow the organization on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/nblgbtqfilmseries/events/> or visit The South Coast LGBTQ+ Network at <https://www.sclgbtqnetwork.org/winter-film-series.html>

## Virtual Town Hall

One SouthCoast Chamber is hosting a Virtual Town Hall featuring Keynote Speaker New Bedford mayor Jon Mitchell, Tues., 2/16, from 9–10 a.m. Mayor Mitchell will give updates on COVID regulations and the current state of our local economy.

After Mayor’s Mitchell’s remarks there will be an opportunity for you to ask questions! If you would like to submit a question ahead of time please e-mail to [deven@onesouthcoast.com](mailto:deven@onesouthcoast.com). We will accommodate as many questions as possible in the time allowed.

The event is free to attend but registration is required at <https://members.onesouthcoast.com/events/details/one-southcoast-chamber-virtual-town-hall-with-mayor-mitchell-498201>

## Learning Studio

*New episodes of the Learning Studio are coming Feb. 18*

The New Bedford Free Public Library and New Bedford Children are partnering with New Bedford Art Museum to bring you weekly stories and activities from our galleries! Tune in for songs and more in this free virtual program.

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Don’t miss out! The artMOBILE visits the Art Museum this February!

- AHA! on 2/11 between 4 - 6 PM
- School Vacation on 2/13 between 10 AM and 12 PM
- 2/13 & 2/20 – Join us at Wings Court for Winter Fest, 12 PM – 2 PM

Operating much like a bookmobile, our purple vans and experienced art educators, engage children with fun educational art activities at community sites across New Bedford and the SouthCoast.

Visit <https://newbedfordart.org/artmobile/>

# HAPPENINGS/OTHER LATITUDES

## Acushnet Dog Lic.

It is time to renew dog licenses in Acusnet. Deadline is March 31, 2021. A \$15 late fee plus a \$50 citation per dog may be imposed after March 31.

Due to COVID-19, town hall buildings are closed to the public until further notice, however, the Town Clerk's office staff is still available to serve the public.

Please call the town clerk's office at 508-998-0215 for assistance.

Dog licensing payments are accepted by

- Dropping them in the payment mail slot located on the Parting Ways building front door
- Mailing to Acushnet Town Clerk, 130 Main St., Acushnet, MA 02743.

Be sure to include updated proof of rabies vaccination.

Fees for individual dogs: \$10 for spayed/neutered; \$15 for unaltered.

Kennel license fees: \$20 for 3-4 dogs; \$50 for 5-15 dogs; \$100 for 15+ dogs.

NOTE: State law requires a valid rabies vaccination certificate of dogs six months and prior to licensing.

## Acushnet COVID testing

We are very pleased to announce a regular schedule of Covid testing in Acushnet.

- Fridays from 10 a.m.-noon in the parking lot behind the Council on Aging (59 South Main Street) using our trailer (see page 12)
- Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon at the elementary school gym

This schedule will be used through the end of February and may be delayed or cancelled due to possible snow/weather conditions. We will post updates during the week on our Facebook page/Acushnet Fire & EMS.

## Black History Month

### Garret Morgan/Inventor

Garrett Morgan blazed a trail for African American inventors with his patents, including those for a hair-straightening product, a breathing device, a revamped sewing machine and an improved traffic signal. Visit <https://www.biography.com/inventor/garrett-morgan> to learn more.

## Clementine Hunter/The Black Grandma Moses

Clementine Hunter may not have been a trained artist, but the self-taught former field hand became a household name in her home state of Louisiana for her bright, whimsical depictions of plantation life in early the 20th century. Often nicknamed the "black Grandma Moses" (another self-taught folk artist who took up painting at a late stage in life), Hunter has made a significant impact on the art world with her vibrant, playful paintings, amassing a fanbase that includes Oprah Winfrey and the late Joan Rivers. Visit <https://artsandculture.google.com/theme/the-inspiring-story-of-clementine-hunter/5gLiLE-PhSKCJQ?hl=en>

## Malcom X in Rhode Island

From the RIHS Archives: Watch Malcolm X in Rhode Island in 1963 on WPRI-TV. Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uqZ-KL-EdWM>

## MLK Videos

Listen to Our 2020 MLK Concert, Let Freedom Roll, Produced with The First Baptist Church in America and Wilson Consulting, LLC: <https://vimeo.com/399947978/bd821cde57>

## Discover Black Past

This 6,000 page reference center is dedicated to providing information to the general public on African American history and the history of more than one billion people of African ancestry around the world. We invite you to explore and use all the resources of BlackPast. Visit <https://www.blackpast.org>

## Self Guided Tours

Looking for a way to keep the whole family entertained during February vacation? Fill up your free week with self-guided, outdoor activities that are centered at The Sawmill in Acushnet but can be done at any nearby nature reserve (260-plus listed on DiscoverBuzzardsBay.org) or in your own backyard.

In lieu of in-person events, the Coalition has organized a set of suggested activities and guides that can be used by children, adults and families. The goal is to spend time in the outdoors and discover the beauty of the Buzzards Bay region's natural resources, while following social

distancing precautions. Visit <https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org>

The week's activities include:

**Winter Wildlife Walk:** Take a hike in the woods, along wetlands (or even by the beach) to search for signs of wildlife in tracks left in the snow or dirt with this guide to animal tracks (<https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Animal-Tracking.pdf>).

**Busy Birds:** Head to a local beach or lake with our winter bird and waterfowl guide (<https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Winter-Bird-Guide.pdf>) and see how many winter visitors you can spot. Extra credit: collect pine cones and coat them with peanut butter and bird seed and hang them up for your backyard birds.

**One-Mile Challenge:** Burn off some energy with a virtual trail running competition. Join our Strava club (<https://www.strava.com/clubs/buzzards-bay-coalition-845994>) and see how quickly you can complete a mile at a local trail.

**Scavenger Hunt:** Bring the whole family for a fun activity, identifying as many native plants and animals as you can using our scavenger hunt list as your guide (<https://www.savebuzzardsbay.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Winter-2021-Scavenger-Hunt.pdf>).

## Trail Workday

**Fri., 2/12, 10 a.m.-noon, Carvalho Farm, 201 Shaw Road, Fairhaven.** Join our work party at Carvalho Farm for some winter maintenance on this beautiful property in Fairhaven.

We will be picking up trash/debris, removing old fencing, cutting multiflora rose (invasive plant species) and conducting several controlled burns of brush piles on the property. We will bring loppers, hand saws, trash bags, extra gloves and bolt/wire cutters for the fencing. Please bring wire/bolt cutters to tackle the fencing if you have a pair!

Please wear/bring a mask, comfortable (preferably waterproof) footwear and water, work-gloves and hand tools (if you have them).

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Mead Binhammer [binhammer@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:binhammer@savebuzzardsbay.org)

# Recipe of the Week

## Quick and Easy Baked Buffalo Chicken Dip

*Spicy yet mild*

- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese
- 3/4 cup hot sauce
- 3/4 cup shredded pepper Jack cheese
- 1/2 cup blue cheese dressing
- 4 fully cooked chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces
- 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
- 1/3 cup shredded pepper Jack cheese

Preheat oven to 400°  
Grease a baking dish.

Beat cream cheese, hot sauce, 1/2 cup pepper Jack cheese, and blue cheese dressing together in a large bowl; fold in chicken until completely coated. Pour mixture into the prepared baking dish and top with crumbled blue cheese and 1/3 cup pepper Jack cheese.

Bake in the preheated oven until cheese is melted and dip is bubbling up the sides, 15 to 20 minutes.

*From allrecipes.com*

# Dear Frankie



## Resents Being Dressed Up

*Dear Frankie,*  
Don't get me wrong, I love my Mom. I'd even say she's perfect, except for one thing. She loves being hip, wearing torn jeans and shoes with spikes, (even though

she has a bad foot). I love to see the get-ups she comes up with. But I don't like seeing them on me. At Christmas she dressed me up like a reindeer; Easter it was rabbit ears, and Halloween she entered me in the dog parade competition.

Thank God, I didn't win. Can you imagine the reaction at the dog park? It would take me years to live it down. The rest of the year, it's bandannas and bows. Lassie and Rin-Tin-Tin were revered dogs, they didn't wear clothes. So why me I ask?

*Cordially, Camilla*

*Dear Camilla,*

I'm with you 100 per cent Camilla. I think dressing up a dog is demeaning and disrespectful. Remember in my earlier column I told you that humans think they are our parents and parenting is the most competitive sport in America? So, they dress you up and show you off, like you were

their child. Actually, your mom means well. It's her way of expressing love. Yeah, I know a cookie would be a better; but try telling her that.

Whatever her reason, don't put up with it. When you see her approaching, run away, hide under the bed. If she does catch you, squirm and make it hard for her to get you dressed. As a last resort, and I'm not saying you should do this, but a dog friend told me that every time her Mom dressed her up, she immediately — right in her front of her Mom — peed on the rug. After countless carpet-cleaning bills, the Mom put two and two together and threw all her dog clothes away. Sometimes Camilla you just have to resort to extreme measures.

*Best, Frankie*

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*Frankie is an eight-year-old schnaluzer poodle and a rescue. She is a certified emotional support animal for a single retired educator.*

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# DaCunha's Dispatches



News from high school in the age of COVID

By Elizabeth DaCunha

## Special to the Neigh News

Snow days.

It's a controversial topic. You either love 'em or hate 'em, but that depends on whether you care about a few less days of summer.

Unfortunately, snow days aren't up for debate any longer. Now that we are so familiar with using technology to learn, schools including FHS have decided to make remote learning available on snow days.

The Superintendent of the district decides the night before, leaving teachers and students enough time to prepare for the remote day ahead. It's organized to include all academic classes and electives just as a regular in-person day would look like, but rather teaching over Google Meets than in front of the board.

Just like all the other changes forced by COVID, students and faculty have had to adapt, but it doesn't necessarily mean that everyone is fond of these new adjustments.

So, I have discussed the topic with several Fairhaven High students to see what their thoughts are on getting rid of snow days.

Baile Fitzgerald said, "I think having Google Meets on snow days is a smart idea. I would prefer to do this

because it gives us more days in the summer, and we can learn from home while still having our attendance count."

Natalie Yochim also commented that she liked learning on a snow day because, "I think it's helpful to actually be able to talk with our teachers, even though some things were a bit harder to learn remotely, but overall I didn't mind the snow day at all!"

Sam Hubert stated his opinion as well: "I like what we're currently doing with the snow days because then we get to be home and don't add any extra days to the end of the year."

Many kids felt similarly to Fitzgerald, Yochim, and Hubert including myself. I personally like that the weather now does not interfere

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with our learning. We're already home so much as it is, being remote half of the time, and vacations on top of that, so learning virtually gives us the opportunity to continue learning without any more interruptions.

Although I like being able to keep my extra days of summer, I do appreciate the traditional snow day, being able to sleep in and play in the snow all day long.

Thomas Marcotte said he doesn't mind having to learn on snow days, but, "would prefer having regular snow days where we make it up at the end of the year because snow days are fun."

Freshman Sophia Fleurent also felt the same as Marcotte saying, "I would rather make the day up at the end of the year because that's how we've always done it."

Change is hard, and a learning curve comes with modified, virtual education. Fleurent proved this by stating, "It's hard to pay attention and most people procrastinate the work given on these days."

Not only that, but also technical difficulties are a pretty common problem throughout remote learning whether it's setting up these virtual meetings, sound issues, weak internet, you name it.

Even from my own experience this past week having my first remote snow day, some classes started late because of problems with network connectivity, and several students could not hear or see the teacher.

These are the problems that make students miss regular classes and long-established snow days.

It's odd to think that snow days are perhaps a thing of the past now that we are able to interact with our teachers and classmates through online conferencing.

What are your thoughts on re-vamping snow days into virtual classes?

While you ponder that, make sure to go check out my past articles and stay tuned for more!

As always, stay positive and test negative!



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# Jackson's sold, iconic sign taken off building

By Beth David  
Editor

A little variety store has been in that spot for 70+ years, but last year, on 2/3/20, Jackson's Variety, which had occupied the space for more than 50 years, suffered a devastating fire.

The damage meant tens of thousands of dollars in renovations. The Jackson family decided it was time to sell. This weekend on 2/6/21, almost exactly one year later, the iconic sign came down, a few days after the building changed hands.

Colleen Jackson said the family decided to sell instead of rebuild. Her sister Tina worked in the store, their father Colin "Jack" Jackson was upstairs asleep when the blaze started, and narrowly escaped, with the help of Tina and her niece, and a few passersby. It was a harrowing ordeal (see 2/6/20 issue online), but everyone got out.

The building, however, was heavily damaged.

Colleen said an Acushnet business owner bought the building and will probably keep the apartment upstairs and run a business below.

It most likely, however, will not be a variety store.

She said he plans to rehab the building not knock it down.

Family members, she said, were close to retirement, and decided that selling the building was their best option. They signed on 2/3/21, one year to the day of the fire, and closed on the fourth.

She said she wanted to keep the sign "as a memory."

It will probably get a special place in her yard.

"It's just sad," said Colleen, adding that she and Tina walked through before the sale.

The damage was extensive, and seemingly complete, although the



L-R: Peter Collins, Clyde Andrews, Ian Comerford, and Mark Andrews pose with the iconic Jackson's Variety store sign after removing it from the building on Saturday, 2/6/21, one year after fire destroyed the business and severely damaged the building on 2/3/20. Photo by Beth David.

burn damage is upstairs. Downstairs, where the store was, it is mostly water damage.

The bedroom was destroyed, she said. But as they looked around, they saw a Mother's Day card for her

**JACKSON'S: cont'd next page**



ABOVE LEFT: The iconic Jackson's Variety store sign is still attached to the roof of the building on 2/6/21 just a few minutes before it would be taken down as a keepsake for one of the former owners after the building was sold one year after a devastating fire on 2/3/20. ABOVE RIGHT:

## JACKSON'S: cont'd from previous page

mother (who was in the hospital at the time of the fire), that was perfectly intact.

Many youngsters from decades, generations, ago remember going to the little store for penny candy, soda, or other treats after school, or running up from the beach, and then back down again.

"The property is sold & we wish the new owners the best," wrote Colleen on her Facebook page. "We want to thank everyone for their support throughout this whole ordeal!"

"Sad day..but the wonderful memories will last all a lifetime!! Thank God for good people like the Jackson family. Jack always took care of those in need. And trust me their were always tons of people in need. He helped so many people without money to keep milk, bread and staples on the table for their families. He took good care of [a lot of] Neckers and has a heart of gold," wrote Kathy Fitzgerald Candage. "Sending [love] to Jack and the Jackson family."

"My kids used to Love going there for candy! wrote Lynne Manly. "Your Dad was always so nice!"

"So many memories from that store!" wrote Tracey Stuart Dennison. "I used to take the bus from there and I bought so many treats."

Elizabeth Palm wrote that she visited the store in 2017 and saw Jack there and he told her to not to forget to stop by "in another 20 years."

"I said, 'No, not twenty but thirty, and you better be here,'" she wrote, adding she wasn't sure of her response, but was sure of his remark. "Anyway, take care and wishing you and the rest of your family all the best in the coming year and all the ones afterwards."

"Lots of memo-

ries it was always nice talking with him or seeing your sister when I used to go in," wrote Louise Quinting. "It will never be the same."



TOP L-R: Clyde Andrews and Ian Comerford strain to keep control of the iconic Jackson's Variety store sign as they lower it to Mark Andrews on Saturday, 2/6/21, one year after a devastating fire severely damaged the building on 2/3/20. LEFT: Clyde Andrews (left on roof) steadies the sign as Ian Comerford reaches for a rope from Mark Andrews. RIGHT: Colleen Jackson wears a sweatshirt with a photo of the building, as she uses her phone to capture video of the sign coming down on her family's long time business. *Photos by Beth David.*

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## Fairhaven Council on Aging

The Fairhaven Council on Aging Senior Center remains closed to the public until further notice. The staff is available to take phone calls and to assist you in any way possible.

### Transportation

The COA van will run Monday through Friday beginning at 8:00 a.m. for in town shopping and errands as well as daily trips to Market Basket. All passengers will have their temperature taken before entering the van and must wear a mask while on the van. The van will be thoroughly sanitized after each use. Volunteer Medical transportation has not yet been resumed.

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## Press Release

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In addition to A.T.A. Scholarships, the A.T.A. Scholarship Committee is also responsible for judging applicants for the Acushnet P.T.O., Acushnet Lion's Club, the Carole Day Memorial Nursing Scholarship, and the Acushnet Historical Society Scholarship. By filling out the single application form, students are considered for any and all of the above-named Acushnet scholarships for which they

are eligible.

Visit [www.acushnetteachers.com](http://www.acushnetteachers.com) for printable application forms and more information about the Acushnet Teachers Association Scholarship Program. Applications and required paperwork are due on April 1, 2021.

For questions, please contact A.T.A. Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs, Kristine Daniels at [kristinedaniels@acushnetschools.us](mailto:kristinedaniels@acushnetschools.us) or Ryan Powers at [ryanpowers@acushnetschools.us](mailto:ryanpowers@acushnetschools.us)

## Nomination papers available in Acushnet

Nomination papers are available for those wishing to run for office in Acushnet.

The annual election is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2021. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on election day.

The last day to take out nomination papers is Thursday, March 25, at 5 p.m.

Candidates must submit at least 42 signatures that will be certified as registered voters who have signed in person. The last day and hour to

submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars for certification of signatures in Saturday, March 27, at 5 p.m.

The last day to register to vote in Acushnet is Saturday, April 24, at 8 p.m.

Offices that will be on the ballot, all for three year terms are: Selectboard, Kevin Gaspar, incumbent; Assessor, Matthew Lopes, incumbent; Board of Health, David Davignon, incumbent; School Committee, Craig Sumner, incumbent; Commissioner of Trust

Funds, Tommy Lipsett, incumbent; Cemetery Board, Paul Fortin, incumbent; Trustee of Library (two seats), Jennifer Alves and Diane Ferreira, incumbents; Park Commissioner, Chad Leclair, incumbent; Tree Warden, vacant.

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residents called for fewer units, a smaller footprint, and less parking with a preference to keep the old school as the focal point of the site.

"I'm not seeing a huge problem with this; I really don't," said Mr. Freitas.

Mr. Espindola pointed out that the MCH "basically determines if you're going to get any grant money.

"Essentially, these changes, had they not been made [Stratford], would not have a project," said Mr. Espindola.

He said most people would prefer the hipped gable roof, including Stratford.

After pressure from Ms. Richard to have a representative from Stratford address the meeting, Stratford's attorney, Kurt James, joined via Zoom. He explained how the MCH demanded the changes.

When Mr. Freitas asked him what would happen if the Selectboard decided to "not go forward" with the changes, Mr. James asked, "The selectmen are considering this with what hat on?"

He said the building commissioner issues the building permits, not the selectboard.

Mr. Crotty concurred, saying, "The selectmen actually have no direct say in whether a building permit is issued or not," and the Selectboard does not have the authority to tell the building commissioner not to issue permits.

The board could decide not to sell the property in the end, but that would be a "whole different issue."

Mr. Freitas said he was "even more behind" the project that night than ever before because the developer "actually worked out some of the details" that vexed residents early on.

No action was taken, but Mr. Freitas invited Ms. Richard to resend her email with questions and perhaps continue the conversation at a later time.

The discussion with Arch Communities and Lanagan & Co. was tabled that night so that the board could hold a public meeting just for the Rogers School housing development RFP so the public could participate and ask questions.

The board also met with A-1 Crane owner Patrick Carr over his cease and desist order conundrum, but to Mr. Freitas's frustration, they were unable to conclude the matter amenably.

Building Commissioner Chris Carmichael said he met with Fire Chief Todd Correia, Conservation

Agent Whitney McClees, Police Chief Michael Myers, Mr. Foley, and Mr. Crotty to come up with five bullet points of compliance for Mr. Carr, who has been defending his right to use his property on Middle Street as an Industrial zone business (grandfathered) within a Mixed-Use zone.

Mr. Carr argued that the zoning was changed through a Town Meeting vote, and business owners of the affected zone were never properly informed, and that he is unfairly made to abide by the five "stipulations."

Mr. Crotty said that Mr. Carr's property was grandfathered for industrial use, but neither the ZBA nor the Selectboard has authority over the existing cease and desist order.

"The building commissioner is the zoning officer. [Ms. McClees] is the wetlands statute and bylaw enforcing agency. The Fire Department is the fuel storage enforcing agency," said

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to be in the same room,  
then find another job  
[Daniel Freitas]

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Mr. Crotty. "Those departments are not governed in terms of enforcing the laws by somebody coming into the [Selectboard's] ... meeting and complaining, 'I don't like what your department heads are doing ... so I want you to tell them to not do their job.' They're doing their job; they're enforcing the bylaws [and] the state regulations. With all due respect, you don't resolve all these issues at a [Selectboard's] meeting."

Mr. Carr began yelling in protest until Mr. Carmichael asked to interject. He said he entered into the middle of the situation three months ago.

In this case, he said, "No one wins, and no one loses in this situation, but we have to find common ground.... We're attempting to find common ground where all the departments have their items addressed.... Again, we've come up with these points; we'd like Mr. Carr to agree with them... We are attempting to move forward as quickly as we possibly can on this."

"This needs to be handled and done — finished," said Mr. Freitas, often speaking in incomplete sentences. "And he needs to know which permit he's running under...."

Raising his voice, Mr. Freitas demanded Mr. Carr and the department heads meet within a week.

"If you guys don't want to be in the same room, then find another job.... It costs the Town a fortune every time [Mr. Crotty] has to write something down, and I'm tired of this. I'm tired of constantly hearing about this.... It's over now; it's enough!"

Mr. Carr continued defending himself, alleging that very few neighbors had been involved—mainly one that had been attacking him unfairly, and maligning his character online.

Mr. Foley asked to speak and said, "Several neighbors [come into my office] once a week. So, yes, there are other neighbors complaining."

Mr. Carr's property was grandfathered when the zoning changed, agreed Mr. Foley, but he added, "The problem is, when you want to expand, you need approval. The Planning Board is where they should be getting a special permit to see if it would allow them to expand."

"If I choose to expand, I understand that I have to come through you," said Mr. Carr. "And we haven't expanded one iota."

The board voted to allow Mr. Carr to meet once more with department heads and parties involved.

The board convened in executive session to discuss realty matters concerning Union Wharf and for strategy of litigation involving West Island Realty and Casey Boat Realty.

The board did not hold its executive session item to conduct contract negotiations because, as Mr. Espindola pointed out, the agenda failed to list the employees' positions and names involved. Mr. Freitas responded to Mr. Espindola's inquiry about the parties involved and revealed that it was for Finance Director Wendy Graves and Town Accountant Anne Carreiro. Mr. Crotty advised Mr. Freitas not to hold the executive session without properly posting the item.

Neither Ms. Graves nor Ms. Carreiro is currently working under a contract, they are both part of the wage classification plan, as are most town employees.

# Fairhaven ZBA approved Oxford building changes 2 years ago

Jean Perry

## Neighb News Correspondent

The Fairhaven Zoning Board of Appeals on 2/2 could not shed light on the Stratford Group's proposed reduction in units or the altered roofline design for the Oxford School development, even after Building Commissioner Chris Carmichael confirmed that the ZBA did vote to approve the proposed changes two years ago.

Resident Ann Richard called into the meeting remotely via Zoom concerned about the changes, especially the roofline design that changed from a hipped dormer roof to a flat roof. She said she reviewed the ZBA meeting minutes and watched the recordings from 6/5/18, 1/9/19, and 3/4/20 when Oxford School was discussed and said, "There was no mention of a change in the roofline.... I feel like this is a substantial change, and it was never ... spoken about in ... open meeting, and it was never in the minutes."

ZBA Chairperson Peter DeTerra asked Mr. Carmichael to clarify Ms. Richard's account of the events

"I came on (as building commissioner) three months ago," said Mr. Carmichael. "As for what happened during your meeting two years ago, no, I really can't speak on it."

"So, maybe we should table this and get some more information on this and bring it back the next meeting?" said Mr. DeTerra.

Mr. Carmichael did say that retired Town Administrator Mark Rees presented the ZBA with the change to the units, "And that the roofline was in some fine print in the last change. I don't know if it was ever discussed or presented."

"So, they made it lower or higher?" asked Mr. DeTerra.

Mr. Carmichael briefly explained the change that Stratford considered a "minor change" but added, "They changed the roofline drastically to a flat roof."

Mr. DeTerra asked Ms. Richard what she was looking for, and she replied that she was concerned that no abutters were notified when the changes were made and added, "I don't feel like anyone on this committee has looked at the plan ... and that's very concerning to me.... I just feel like this is a significant change; it's not just one little thing...."

It's going to make a big change in the way the building looks."

She asked if anyone on the board had anything to say.

Mr. DeTerra said he would ask a representative from Stratford to attend the next meeting on 3/2. Mr. Carmichael noted that the contractor for Stratford was hoping to get the building permits issued immediately, so perhaps the ZBA could hold a meeting before 3/2.

"They're hoping to start construction very shortly ... so we may need to expedite this," said Mr. Carmichael.

A 4/13/18 letter released by the Selectboard's Office from SCG to the ZBA does reflect a reduction from 63 to 54 units and includes a statement reporting on the Massachusetts Historical Commission's (MHC) recommendation to simplify the building "to align more closely with the existing gymnasium structure in massing,

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I just feel like this is a significant change; it's not just one little thing....It's going to make a big change in the way the building looks  
[Ann Richard]

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height, and materials..."

It also reads, "In lieu of the cross gabled 3 & 4-story that was presented ..., a simpler massing is presently defined with a lower flat roof that brings the height of the new roofline below that of the historic structure."

The revised plans were attached to that letter reflecting the proposed flat roof.

A letter from SCG to the ZBA dated 1/4/19 then requested a reduction in units from 63 to 52 and included the same intent to construct the new building with a flat roof.

In another matter, two abutters opposed to a special permit and variance to allow for a FEMA-compliant raised house at 15 James Street were unsuccessful in convincing the ZBA that their concerns were valid.

David Caruso, 17 James Street, was concerned that adding one foot of fill to raise the ground elevation from 7 to 8 feet would result in water runoff

into his and other abutting properties in a neighborhood Mr. Caruso said is already a "wet area" with water drainage issues. He worried that rainwater would no longer flow toward the street but down toward his property and into his crawlspace cellar.

"I see you got underground storm-water retention things for the gutter drains?" Mr. DeTerra said to Rick Charon of Charon Associates, who concurred. Mr. Charon insisted that the runoff would flow toward the drainage system in the street, and the foot of fill would provide drainage around the new house "so it's not sitting in a hole."

Furthermore, Mr. Caruso said, once the older house is razed and the new one built up on stilts, the new 35-foot high home will block the sun to his residential solar panels, especially in the winter.

At first, Mr. Charon said the new house might cast a shadow on Mr. Caruso's solar panels, possibly in the early morning, but then realized, "Well, he (Mr. Caruso) is right, yeah."

Still, the bylaws would allow for a new house up to a maximum height of 35 feet, said Mr. Charon, adding, "I don't know what to do about shading effects. We haven't really studied that."

He argued that if the ZBA contemplates the project's effect on Mr. Caruso's solar panels.

"I just think it sets a dangerous precedent if people can set up solar collectors to prevent someone from making their house conform to federal requirements.... Can you imagine if it were possible for people to put collectors up knowing that, going forward, their neighbor couldn't do anything with their house?" said Mr. Charon. "I don't think there's a requirement that prevents us from building a house to flood zone requirements because we're shading someone's solar collectors."

Mr. Caruso said he installed his solar panels well before Kyle Costa, owner of 15 James Street, put forth any plans to rebuild.

"To relieve Mr. Costa's hardship ... you should put a hardship on me?" Mr. Caruso asked.

"In order to build a house, [Mr. Costa] must put it up in the air," said Mr. Charon.

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# Obituary



## Carol Lynne Bishop

July 28,  
1938 –  
January 24,  
2021

Carol  
Lynne  
Bishop age  
82 of Ames,  
Iowa died  
at her home  
on Sunday  
January 24,

2021. A gathering will be planned at a later date.

Lynne was born July 28, 1938 in Geneva, New York the daughter of Edwin and Norma MacArthur. She grew up in Great Neck (Long Island, New York). She graduated from Great Neck High School in 1956, attended

Springfield College before graduating from Gettysburg College in 1960 with a degree in Biology. Lynne then graduated from Duke University with a degree in Zoology (Developmental Biology) in 1962. She married Stephen Bishop in 1962 and the couple moved to Houston, in 1964 the couple moved to Kansas City then back to Houston before settling in Ames in 1977. Lynne was active in her three children's lives in Ames. Lynne was a proofreader for The Ames Tribune in the early 1980's and later an Editor at the Iowa State University Press. Her background in the life sciences served her well when dealing with authors of books on Veterinary Medicine, Agriculture and like disciplines. Lynne was active in the ISU Women's Club, geriatric volleyball, golf, and bowling. The Story County Democratic Party will

miss her.

Lynne was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Douglas Edwin MacArthur.

Lynne is survived by her husband, Stephen Bishop, her children, Robert (Bob) Bishop, Jennifer Bishop, and Phillip Bishop; grandchildren, Calvin Dobson and Laurel Jean Bishop, extended family members, nieces and nephews; and friends Sharon Anderson, Monika Whalley, Gail Isaksen, and Sonja Tveit.

Memorial contributions may be made to any animal rescue or relief group in her name.

The family would like to thank Homeward Hospice home care and Home Instead in Ames for the compassion and care they showed Lynne.

Online condolences may be directed to [www.grandonfuneralandcremationcare.com](http://www.grandonfuneralandcremationcare.com)

## From our readers

### Dear North Fairhavenites

I feel like a victim of theft after reading an article in the 1/21/21 issue of the Standard-Times regarding our Paul Revere bell. Is it just me or do you feel the same?

From the time that the bell was removed from the Oxford School, I had the feeling that we in North Fairhaven would not be getting it back. And, sure enough! The article leaves no question that we are being robbed!

Why should our Paul Revere bell be located in the center of Fairhaven? Isn't it enough that they have all the beautiful buildings donated by Henry Huttleston Rogers? Can't we have the

one thing that was ours for so many years — the Oxford School bell?

If you're an old North Fairhavenite like me, you remember it ringing at the start of school. You remember counting the number of rings that signaled the location of a fire in town. You looked up to the top of Oxford School and there was your bell.

Now the Bell Committee wants to locate it in the center of Fairhaven. Why? It means nothing to them. We have a gazebo sitting in the middle of Benoit Square. Place it there and make it damage and theft-proof.

If placing it in the center of town is just one more thing to entertain tourists, let them travel a mile or so up Main or Adams Street and they can

view it at Benoit Square.

Mr. Baumgartner, of the Bell Committee, says it's wonderful to have so many people involved in the work and effort to place the bell next to the town hall keeping history alive. Placing it back in North Fairhaven would really be keeping history alive. And, by the way, who appointed the members of the Bell Committee? I was never contacted. Were you?

I hope that I'm not the only one who feels robbed. If you feel like I do, let your voice be heard. Get on Facebook or whatever everyone does nowadays and complain. Or, write a letter.

*Dorothy Lemos, Fairhaven*

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## TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS INVITATION TO BID



Sealed bids marked for items listed below, will be received at the Board of Public Works, 5 Arsene Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 not later than 2:00 p.m., March 4, 2021. Bids will be publicly opened and read on March 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30pm  
Town Hall, 40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

To Access Meeting Remotely:  
<https://zoom.us/j/98032851106?pwd=YUNPQXRldGVSMMRjY2ZkSHBGcjB0QT09>  
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Meeting ID: 980 3285 1106  
Passcode: 429177

The Fairhaven Conservation Commission will hold the following **Public Hearing** pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, s. 40) and the Code of the Town of Fairhaven Chapter 192, Wetlands:

1. CON 023-203: **14 Turner Avenue** Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Victor Carlevalle for the replacement of an existing shed, relocation of existing driveway, installation of a new porch, and the replacement of the existing fence at the property located at 14 Turner Avenue, Assessors Map 2, Lot 228. Work to take place in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and the 100-foot buffer zones to Coastal Dune, Coastal Beach, Barrier Beach, and Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

Public participation will be via virtual means only: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Fairhaven Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. The public may participate in this meeting via remote participation. Information regarding remote meeting access, listed above, will also be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Copies of the applications listed in this hearing notice may be viewed electronically at: <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/conservation-commission/pages/current-filings>

Geoff Haworth, Chair, Fairhaven  
Conservation Commission  
FNN: 2/11/21

## Acushnet Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is hereby giving notice that a meeting will be held by the Board on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom Meetings:

Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84644786957?pwd=djE1K1ZZWGRlQ0c5bm9Xc2tLUHpsQT09>  
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### PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Case #2020.07.28A** A continuation of the case of New England Retail Development, LLC c/o Tom Pratt, who is petitioning the Board for a Special Permit to be able to open and operate a gas station and convenience store with drive-thru, within the Village Business District. The proposed location is 158, 166 Main Street, and 17 Wing Road (Assessor's Map 13, Lots 36, 38, and 38A), which are currently owned by Delta Realty, LLC (c/o Mickey Higgins) and Tony's Service Center (c/o Tony Faria). This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.2 (B) and 3.4 (A)
2. **Case#2020.10.20A** A continuation of the case of New England Retail Development, LLC c/o Tom Pratt, who is petitioning the Board for a Variance to be able to allow wall signs in excess of 50 square feet and pole sign in excess of 15 feet tall. The proposed location is 158, 166 Main Street, and 17 Wing Road (Assessor's Map 13, Lots 36, 38, and 38A), owned by Delta Realty, LLC (c/o Mickey Higgins). This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.6 (E)
3. **Case #2021.02.23A** A case of Kevin Murray, of 75 Lambert Street, Acushnet who is petitioning for a Variance to be able to change the lot lines of his properties located at 7 and 9 Kendrick Street, Acushnet, making the 9 Kendrick Street lot more non-conforming. This request is being made under the provisions of Section 3.3.1 E: Development Standards.
4. **Case #2021.02.23B** A case of Charles and Lisa Leonard, of 764 Main Street, Acushnet who are petitioning for a Variance for relief of side set back to be able to center construction of a new proposed dwelling. This request is being made under the

Provisions of Section 3.3.9 (C) 3.

\*\*\*Plans are available for Public view in the Town Clerk's office during their normal business hours.\*\*\*  
FNN, 2/11/21, 2/18/21

## Town of Acushnet Board of Selectmen Public Hearing/Delta Realty

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 148, Section 13 of the Massachusetts General Laws that Delta Realty, of 280 Ayer Road, Harvard, MA, has applied for a fuel storage license of 35,000 gallons at 158-166 Main Street, Acushnet, MA. The application for this license is for the storage of (2) underground fuel storage tanks; (1) 20,000-gallon gasoline and (1) 15,000-gallon compartmentalized: 6K premium gasoline/9K diesel fuel.

A public hearing on the above referenced fuel storage license application has been set at a date & time certain for Tuesday, February 23, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m., via zoom. Info can be found on the Acushnet Website, [www.acushnet.ma.us](http://www.acushnet.ma.us)

Topic: Board of Selectmen/New England Farms  
Time: Feb 23, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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*Yvette Clarke*

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Arthur Oliveira of 2 Harborview Avenue also spoke against the project because of possible water drainage issues.

"I'm concerned about raising the grade in a neighborhood that's probably a couple of hundred feet from the waterfront with the highest possible water table," he said. "James Street has no stormwater collection system at all.... I understand that the special permit being applied for is for an extension of a legally pre-existing non-conforming lot.... It's my understanding that you're not supposed to create your own hardships."

Mr. Oliveira said a recent rain and snow event left more water than usual near the site, and it takes "quite some time for the ground down here to absorb any type of rain, and I'm concerned about that."

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Board members had no questions or comments before unanimously approving the special permit for "front, rear, and lot sizes," and a variance to allow a 10-foot front setback instead of the required 20 feet, and a 10-foot rear setback instead of the required 30.

In other matters, the board unanimously approved a special permit and variance for Doreen and Antonio Albuquerque, 18 Point Street, to raze an existing house and construct a FEMA-compliant home on stilts. Judith and Robert Tubbs, 294 Huttleston Avenue, received a six-month extension of a variance. Sanjiv Patel, 3 Winter Street, received a variance for the rear setback requirement to construct a two-stall garage.

The public hearing for Fairhaven Shipyard was continued until 3/2; the public hearing for A-1 Crane was continued until 3/2.

## Upcoming Meetings

*In-person attendance is restricted during the COVID-19 crisis. The information on how to join remotely is listed on the agendas. Most meetings also run live on the government access channels, and Fairhaven meetings are livestreamed at [FairhavenTV.com](http://FairhavenTV.com)*

Visit <https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov> for remote access information

### Fairhaven

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 3/2, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

#### Board of Health

Wed., 2/17, Town Hall, 5 p.m.

#### Finance Committee

Thurs., 2/11, Remote, 7 p.m.

#### Marine Resoures Comm.

Thurs., 2/4, Town Hall, 6:30 p.m.

#### School Committee

Wed., 2/24, FHS Library, 6:30 p.m.

#### Selectboard

Mon., 2/22, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

#### Sustainability Committee

Tues., 2/16, Town Hall/Remote, 6:30

### Acushnet

#### Board of Appeals

Tues., 2/23, Remote, 6:30 p.m.

#### Library Board of Trustees

Tues., 2/16, Remote, Noon

#### Selectboard

Tues., 2/23, Town Hall/Remote, 4 p.

#### Selectboard/Delta Realty-Tony's Serv. Sta. Hearing

Tues., 2/23, Town Hall, 6 p.m.

### TIDE TABLE

US Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Cod Canal/Piney Point/Wing's Neck

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Thursday	11	0725	1950	0135*	1437* (C)
Friday	12	0810	2035	0219*	1501* (C)
Saturday	13	0853	2118	0241*	1504* (1)
Sunday	14	0934	2158	0302*	1517* (1)
Monday	15	1015	2240	0329	1540* (1)
Tuesday	16	1059	2326	0359	1609* (-)
Wednesday	17	1147	----	0433	1643 (C)
Thursday	18	0016	1238	0516	1726 (C)
Friday	19	0107	1329	0615	1822 (C)
Saturday	20	0157	1421	0722	1923 (C)
Sunday	21	0252	1522	0824	2020 (C)
Monday	22	0356	1628	0931	2119 (C)

\*= Predicted minus tides from -0.1 ft. to -1.0 ft  
\*\*Predicted minus tides from -1.1 ft to -2.0 ft or more

# Collasius announces run for tree warden

Hello, my name is Don Collasius and I am running for the position of Fairhaven Tree Warden.

"A tree warden is a person in charge of shade trees on public town lands and has the unique legal responsibility: to guard public resources against destructive forces that might include persons, insects, or diseases," as defined by the Massachusetts Tree Warden and Foresters Association.

Since 1899, Massachusetts General Law has mandated that all cities and towns in the Commonwealth have a tree warden.

Some towns have elected Wardens, like Fairhaven, some towns have the Highway Supervisor as the de facto Warden.

As Tree Warden I will make customer service a top priority. I will institute a real town wide pruning and planting program that will make the streets and parks safer and more beautiful. I will make this information easily accessible so you can see progress, or lack thereof.

Accountability, communication, transparency and follow up will be my mantra. I will work towards

merging the tree department with the BPW. This is how other towns our size do this and it makes good fiscal sense. I will apply for grants that will expand the budgetary capabilities of the department with no cost to the town. Technology will be part of the solutions we benefit from.

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during tree pruning.

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I want this job because I care about this town and trees in general. Trees have so many benefits if planted and maintained properly. They add beauty, increase property values, and help the environment, if done right. If not maintained correctly they can have the opposite effect.

What I bring to the job is an excellent work ethic and communication skills. I have experience in tree work. I started cutting cord wood in my early teens. I harvested 100 storm downed trees and used them to build my house after hurricanes Bob and Gloria. I have owned and managed a tree lot in New Hampshire for 30 years. I have planted hundreds of conifers and dozens of deciduous trees.

I know what a good branch collar is and why it's important during tree pruning. Most importantly, I know when to call in experts for consultation.

I spent my career as a mechanical engineer. As a project manager I had to be a communication link between sales, marketing and engineering and senior management. I had to deal with budgets and project time constraints. I know how to fix and design things. Our tree department is broken. I can be a big part of fixing that.

Please give me a chance to make things better.

*Thank you, Don C. Collasius,  
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